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SUBJECT: FY 1975 GRANT AID PROGRAM - TRACKED VEHICLES

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM DEPUTY DEFENSE
SECRETARY CLEMENTS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE
IMPATIENCE ON THE PART OF LTG BIN SHAKER AND THE JAF TO
ACCOMPLISH THE UPGRADING OF THEIR FORCES AS RAPIDLY AS
POSSIBLE. NONETHELESS WITHDRAWAL OF THE ITEMS IN QUESTION
(WHICH ARE FOR THE MOST PART IN SHORT SUPPLY) FROM THE U.S.
INVENTORY HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY MATTER. I AM HAPPY TO
REPORT THAT ALL NECESSARY DECISIONS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE AND
SPECIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN GRANTED, AND THAT SHIPMENT
WILL BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

3. AS AGREED WITH LTG BIN SHAKER, THE EQUIPMENT IS BEING
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FURNISHED IN ESC GREEN CONDITION. WHILE SOME ITEMS WILL

MEET THIS CONDITION LEVEL WITHOUT WORK, SOME OF THE ARTILLERY PIECES ARE BEING DRAWN FROM THE REHABILITATION CYCLE AND MAY REQUIRE WORK. FOR THIS REASON AND TO ENABLE EARLIER AND SMOOTHER ASSIMILATION BY THE JAF, INCREMENTAL SHIPMENTS IN LOTS OF 10-12 ARE PLANNED FOR THE M109 AND M110 ARTILLERY PIECES. YOU MAY RELAY THE FOLLOWING

SHIPPING SCHEDULE TO THE JORDANIANS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

M578 RECOVERY VEHICLES LATE JAN 76

M88 RECOVERY VEHICLES LATE FEB 76

M109 & 110 ARTILLERY PIECES . . INCREMENTAL SHIPMENTS
BEGINNING IN MARCH AND COMPLETED BY 30 APR 76

4. WHILE THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED WITH THIS SEGMENT OF THE 75 GRANT AID PROGRAM ARE MOST UNFORTUNATE, THEY ARE NOT UNIQUE. I AM SURE YOU APPRECIATE THAT PROVIDING NON-EXCESS ITEMS FROM DOD INVENTORIES HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND THE IMPACT UPON U.S. READINESS AS WELL AS THE ADEQUACY OF PLANS FOR REPLACEMENT ARE BEING CAREFULLY ASSESSED. WE CAN HOPE THAT IN THIS CASE THE JORDANIANS UNDERSTAND THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS BEING PROVIDED AT CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE TO THE DOD AND AT SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE REPLACEMENT COST.

5. WE FEEL THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND OUR SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS IN THIS AND IN OTHER PROGRAMS ATTEST TO OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR JORDAN. YOUR EFFORTS TO IMPART OUR FEELINGS AND ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED SUPPORT ARE APPRECIATED. WHEN YOU RELAY THIS POSITIVE NEWS AS TO SHIPPING SCHEDULES, PLEASE EXPRESS MY HEARIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO LTG BIN SHAKER ON HIS PROMOTION TO CINC. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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